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1. In the Central Prison situated on ul. 1-go Maja in Raciborz (Ratibor) there is a large tailoring workshop which employs exclusively the inmates of the prison. Work is carried on in two shifts, each of 600 workers, from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.
2. In 1950 the workshop was equipped with 140 electrical sewing machines made by the Czech firm Minerva in place of the existing hand-operated machines. Since that time the output has amounted to 500 complete military uniforms per day (winter type, made of cloth). There was also a corresponding increase in the output of summer uniforms and greatcoats. The material was supplied, already cut, from a prison at Lodz.
3. The Raciborz prison contains about 2,000 prisoners, of whom 1,200, all with sentences not exceeding 7 years, are employed in the tailoring workshop. Their monthly wages amount on the average to 50 zl. each, of which one-third is placed to their credit in a savings bank, while the remaining two-thirds can be used for purchasing extra food. The normal rations consisted of 600 grams of bread per head per day, with black coffee in the morning and a soup at midday and in the evening.

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